R E M I N I S C E N C E S
concerning
St. John's Episcopal Church Auxiliary
SPECIAL EVENTS

In making a list of the special events of the women of the church it is hard to go back further than 1930. It must have been about then that the McGarvey sisters, Mary and Blanche, put on their famous living pictures when various people, old and young, posed behind a large gilt frame. Betty Malin and Nina Lamb were the ladies in "The Loge", Sara Bullock was most attractive as the famous Blue Boy and the little son of our rector at the time was very appropriately posed as Baby Stuart. Katherine Carpeneto was a beautiful "Fruit Girl" and Betty Miller was "The Lark", a painting by Millers and Nora Quigley, a Holbein portrait. Henrietta Quigley was a tall, haughty Spanish prince. And many more, too numerous to mention.

Also too numerous were the babies in the First Baby Show, 71 in all. It was held in the Parish House and according to the newspaper was a howling success! Virginia Louise Miller was the Best of Show and Sallie Perks, Clara Sheckler, Hugh Quigley, Jr., Donald Ray Hockenburg, Joy Anne Owens, Shirley Lou Gettig, Dan Clemson, Jr., Margaret Olsen, Cameron Heverly, Jr., Gerald Reeder, Mary Ellen Gallagher, Mina Jane McGroarty were winners in their classes. They were voted by ballot - this was in October, 1932.

The Second Baby Show, September, 1933, was held in the Presbyterian Chapel with 80 babies, many the same winners as last year, from towns around here like Howard, Julian, Lemont and State College. The Best of Show, winner of photo from McGarvey Studio, was Sally Ann Rider, 2 weeks old. At age 3 days she and her Mother were carried from their burning house in Coleville in a bed! Joan Dawson, Rose Ann Clevenstine, Nancy Herman, Hugh Quigley, Jr., Judith Malin, Johnny Bullock were winners in various classes.

The Third Baby Show was held October 5, 1935 in the Episcopal Parish House again, with 81 babies and their Mothers, of course. This time the winners were picked by Judges who were Mrs. Laird Curtin, Mrs. Melvin Locke and Mrs. Robert Walker. The McGarvey photograph went to Richard Pettingill, Phyllis Jane McMullen, Janet Emminhizer, George Moon, Martha Ann Hall, Mary Ellen Oves, Calvin Troup, Franklin Schad, Jr., Thomas Gordon, Billy Sieg, Sally Perks and Nancy Herman.

May 16, 1934 Curio Show - antiques to be seen but not sold. Old Trinkets from foreign lands, antique dresses and treasures from the Linn's attic - Parish House, 7 to 10 P. M. 25 cents admission.

June 30, 1941 - Twilight Fantasy in Mrs. George Thompson's beautiful Friendship Garden.. Fashion Show with Madeleine Purnell, Jean McKinley, Love Auman, Eliza Yeager, Mary Wilkinson, Becky Cruse, Peggy Malin, Ellen Quigley, Adelaide Thomas and Lorretta O'Leary. Also a pirate dance, young ones. Songs by Mrs. Joseph Parrish, violin solos by Dorothy Schad and the accordian by Eleanor Dobbelbower. The pirates danced on a lower level. They were Marjorie Wehr, Peggy Flynn, Ellen Quigley, Jane Wagner and Betty Garman. Refreshments were served on lowest level. The entrance was through the old barn where fortune tellers and peep shows held forth. There was a large crowd - 7 to 10 P.M. Admission 40 cents for benefit of Episcopal Church.

On March, 1942, there was a Hobby Show in the Parish House - 3 to 9 P. M. Admission 15 cents. All kinds of hobbies from sculptoring, photography to coin collections. Dr. Koepp-Baker displayed gear and equipment used in capturing, flying, training and hunting wild hawks used for centuries in many lands. Col. Fred Reynolds also displayed

his valuable collection of Indian materials.

Rain fails to mar the Fourth Baby Show held in the Spring Street gym. 75 babies were entered. Grand prize as usual a photograph by the McGarveys. Prize for youngest baby, 3 months, was a quilt donated by J. B. Wagner Co. He was Kenneth VonGunden. Fattest baby, Garvey Burris, won a bottle holder from Peacock Shop, and the friendliest baby, Bonnie Rockey, won portrait by Mrs. Quigley.

A Garden Party at home of Mrs. H. M. Quigley was held in May, 1949. Transportation from Parish House every 15 minutes from 3 to 6 P. M. by Altar Guild.

An Art Exhibit in Parish House, December, 1950, included a sale of home made foods - tea was served, also supper. Thirty artists entered their best work. Mrs. Quigley won first prize with her portrait of Mary Wilkinson. Mrs. Sarah Bible was second with a painting of fruit. Mrs. Stanley Kuhlman had a picture of a collie dog, and Miss Nina Lamb a boquet of violets.

A Doll House tea, May 19, 1956, was for the benefit of the Shippensburg Home. The House about 100 years old was made in Lancaster for Mrs. Quigley's Aunt and is furnished mostly with equally old furniture, although Mrs. Quigley has made some pieces and copied some old pictures in miniature for its walls. It is on the second floor and a large alms basin was placed where you couldn't miss it. Tea was served downstairs by the Altar Guild.

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